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- (5) The one-engine-inoperative take-off distance, using a normal rotation rate at a speed 5 knots less than  $V_R$ , established in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of this section, must be shown not to exceed the corresponding one-engine-inoperative takeoff distance, determined in accordance with §23.57 and §23.59(a)(1), using the established  $V_R$ . The takeoff, otherwise performed in accordance with §23.57, must be continued safely from the point at which the airplane is 35 feet above the takeoff surface and at a speed not less than the established  $V_2$  minus 5 knots.
- (6) The applicant must show, with all engines operating, that marked increases in the scheduled takeoff distances, determined in accordance with \$23.59(a)(2), do not result from over-rotation of the airplane or out-of-trim conditions.

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# § 23.51 Takeoff speeds.

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(b) \* \* \*

(1) For multiengine airplanes, the highest of—

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(c) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category multiengine jets of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight and commuter category airplanes, the following apply:

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### §23.53 Takeoff performance.

- (a) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category airplanes, the takeoff distance must be determined in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, using speeds determined in accordance with §23.51 (a) and (b).
- (b) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category airplanes, the distance required to takeoff and climb to a height of 50 feet above the takeoff surface must be determined for each weight, altitude, and temperature within the

operational limits established for take-off with—

- (1) Takeoff power on each engine;
- (2) Wing flaps in the takeoff position(s); and
  - (3) Landing gear extended.
- (c) For commuter category airplanes, takeoff performance, as required by §§ 23.55 through 23.59, must be determined with the operating engine(s) within approved operating limitations.

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#### § 23.53 Takeoff performance.

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(c) For normal, utility, and acrobatic category multiengine jets of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight and commuter category airplanes, takeoff performance, as required by §§23.55 through 23.59, must be determined with the operating engine(s) within approved operating limitations.

#### § 23.55 Accelerate-stop distance.

For each commuter category airplane, the accelerate-stop distance must be determined as follows:

- (a) The accelerate-stop distance is the sum of the distances necessary to—
- (1) Accelerate the airplane from a standing start to  $V_{\text{EF}}$  with all engines operating:
- (2) Accelerate the airplane from  $V_{\rm EF}$  to  $V_{\rm l},$  assuming the critical engine fails at  $V_{\rm EF};$  and
- (3) Come to a full stop from the point at which  $V_1$  is reached.
- (b) Means other than wheel brakes may be used to determine the accelerate-stop distances if that means—
  - (1) Is safe and reliable;
- (2) Is used so that consistent results can be expected under normal operating conditions; and
- (3) Is such that exceptional skill is not required to control the airplane.

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31, 2012. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

#### § 23.55 Accelerate-stop distance.

For normal, utility, and acrobatic category multiengine jets of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight and commuter category airplanes, the accelerate-stop distance must be determined as follows:

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## §23.57 Takeoff path.

For each commuter category airplane, the takeoff path is as follows:

- (a) The takeoff path extends from a standing start to a point in the takeoff at which the airplane is 1500 feet above the takeoff surface at or below which height the transition from the takeoff to the enroute configuration must be completed; and
- (1) The takeoff path must be based on the procedures prescribed in §23.45;
- (2) The airplane must be accelerated on the ground to  $V_{EF}$  at which point the critical engine must be made inoperative and remain inoperative for the rest of the takeoff; and
- (3) After reaching  $V_{EF}$ , the airplane must be accelerated to  $V_2$ .
- (b) During the acceleration to speed  $V_2$ , the nose gear may be raised off the ground at a speed not less than  $V_R$ . However, landing gear retraction must not be initiated until the airplane is airborne.
- (c) During the takeoff path determination, in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section—
- (1) The slope of the airborne part of the takeoff path must not be negative at any point;
- (2) The airplane must reach  $V_2$  before it is 35 feet above the takeoff surface, and must continue at a speed as close as practical to, but not less than  $V_2$ , until it is 400 feet above the takeoff surface;
- (3) At each point along the takeoff path, starting at the point at which the airplane reaches 400 feet above the takeoff surface, the available gradient of climb must not be less than—
- (i) 1.2 percent for two-engine airplanes:
- (ii) 1.5 percent for three-engine airplanes;
- (iii) 1.7 percent for four-engine airplanes; and

- (4) Except for gear retraction and automatic propeller feathering, the airplane configuration must not be changed, and no change in power that requires action by the pilot may be made, until the airplane is 400 feet above the takeoff surface.
- (d) The takeoff path to 35 feet above the takeoff surface must be determined by a continuous demonstrated takeoff.
- (e) The takeoff path to 35 feet above the takeoff surface must be determined by synthesis from segments; and
- (1) The segments must be clearly defined and must be related to distinct changes in configuration, power, and speed;
- (2) The weight of the airplane, the configuration, and the power must be assumed constant throughout each segment and must correspond to the most critical condition prevailing in the segment; and
- (3) The takeoff flight path must be based on the airplane's performance without utilizing ground effect.

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# § 23.57 Takeoff path.

For normal, utility, and acrobatic category multiengine jets of more than 6,000 pounds maximum weight and commuter category airplanes, the takeoff path is as follows:

# § 23.59 Takeoff distance and takeoff run.

For each commuter category airplane, the takeoff distance and, at the option of the applicant, the takeoff run, must be determined.

- (a) Takeoff distance is the greater of—
- (1) The horizontal distance along the takeoff path from the start of the takeoff to the point at which the airplane is 35 feet above the takeoff surface as determined under §23.57; or
- (2) With all engines operating, 115 percent of the horizontal distance from the start of the takeoff to the point at